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**RE: Freedom of Information Request: Ocean Policy Records involving NROC, the NE-RPB, and Private Entities**

Dear Mr. Hatfield,

I am writing regarding your letter requesting:

All electronic records generated or received from November 1, 2012 until present and which can be considered to be associated with, or relate to:

1. the state considering and/or being advised as to whether the Northeast Regional Planning Body (NE-RPB) is a federal agency, entity, or endeavor;
2. the NE-RPB being considered and/or defined to be a "convening body";
3. the status of the NE-RPB under state law, regulation, gubernatorial executive order or policy of any state agency;
4. policies, guidelines, and recommendations concerning the process by which NE-RPB decisions are made including, but not limited to, decisions of the executive secretariat;
5. sources of NE-RPB funding and/or support (including donated goods and/or services);

6. conditions attached to funding the NE-RPB receives;
7. NE-RPB information disclosure policies and/or any records with respect to how to respond to information disclosure requests;
8. the activities and/or communications involving the NE-RPB executive secretariat;
9. Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) funding and/or support (including donated goods and/or services);
10. policies, guidelines, and recommendations concerning the process by which NROC decisions are made;
11. any conditions attached to NROC funding;
12. policies and procedures regarding personal identifying information (PII) that may be collected and/or used by NROC, and any records associated with that PII and any state and federal/state privacy laws;
13. any association between NROC and Seaplan;
14. NROC hosting, maintenance, use and/or access to the NE-RPB webpage;
15. ownership of the NROC Internet domain and all records related to the proxy being used for purposes of ICANN reporting and/or registration;
16. NROC meetings that involve regional ocean planning, inclusive of those records that discuss those planning activities in relation to NE-RPB activity;
17. amounts and rates associated with NROC expenditures on administration, staff, overhead, business expenses, and contributions;
18. policies, guidelines, and recommendations, recorded discussions concerning NROC staff or personnel engaging in lobbying activities at the federal, state, and/or local level;
19. the Massachusetts Ocean Partnership and/or Seaplan, including any conflict of interest statements that include reference to those entities;
20. public private partnerships and/or requirements for public accountability, transparency, and/or information disclosure policies involving non-governmental entities;